

title of the general provisions of the constitution of the Republic of Texas; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Cuny, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

Thursday, 10 o'clock, a. m.
January 6th, 1848.

Senate met—roll called—The following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, Navarro, Parker, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wooten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Parker, Chairman of the Committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following Report:

Committee Room, }
January 5th, 1848. }

Hon. J. A. GREER,

President of the Senate :

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of Stuart Perry, with the accompanying documents, have examined his papers, and instructed me to report:—That the committee are satisfied that Mr. Perry has rendered valuable services to Texas, and that his claims are good for a considerable amount; but as the Legislature design prescribing some mode for ascertaining the just debts of Texas, the committee have instructed me to return the papers to the Senate, and recommend that they be laid upon the table, to await the further action of the Legislature, with regard to the liabilities of Texas.

ISAAC PARKER, Chairman.

Which report, on motion of Mr. Gage, was adopted.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following Reports :

Committee Room, }
January 5th, 1848. }

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate :

The Judiciary Committee have had under consideration a bill to be entitled an act, to regulate the salaries of District Attorneys, and a majority of said committee instruct me to return said bill to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

EDWARD CLARK, Chairman.

Committee Room, }
January 6th, 1848. }

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Eularian Dugat and Marcelleat Dugat, have instructed me to report the accompanying bill :

A bill to be entitled an act, to declare the name of Beazley, son of Marcelleat Dugat, and also to legitimate said Beazley; which was read first time.

Committee Room, }
January 5th, 1848. }

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Primm, a citizen of Fayette county, praying that certain persons therein named, represented to be his children, may be freed, and have and bear his name, and be qualified to

inherit his estate, have considered the same, and a majority of the committee have directed me to report said petition back to the Senate, with the accompanying bills, the passage of which they recommend.

EDWARD CLARK, Chairman.

Mr. Cuny, chairman of the committee on Contingent Expenses, made the following Report:

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The committee on Contingent Expenses, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, have contracted with the proprietors of the Texas Democrat for printing 840 copies of his Excellency's the Governor's message, to be furnished in pamphlet form, at two and a half cents a piece for each copy.

PHIL. M. CUNY, Chairman.

Mr. Perkins, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following Report:

Committee Room, }
January 6th, 1848. }

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined a joint resolution for the relief of the citizens of Texas who had their property destroyed and taken off by the Mexican Government during the revolution; and the following bills viz:

A bill to be entitled an act, to provide for marking in part the boundary line between the land districts of Fannin and Nacogdoches;

A bill to be entitled an act, to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to receive gold and silver at the rates of one dollar thereof for five dollars in Texas promissory notes, for all government dues upon lands and patents for lands; all of which they find correctly engrossed.

S. W. PERKINS, Chairman.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through their chief clerk, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills and Joint resolutions, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act, for the incorporation of the city of Laredo ;

A bill to be entitled an act, to grant a ferry privilege to Nancy Hutchinson ;

A bill to be entitled an act, for the relief of Martin Walker ;

A bill to be entitled an act, to incorporate Protection Fire Company No. 1, city of Houston ; and, also, the following bills, which originated in the Senate :

A bill to be entitled an act, the better to define the boundaries of Grayson county ;

A bill to be entitled an act, to admit Franklin B. Sexton, Asa H. Willie, and Josiah F. Crosby, to practice law in the courts of this State ; and

A bill to be entitled an act, to provide for the permanent location of the county seat of Grayson county.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, made the following Report :

The committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act, to authorize the Comptroller to sell vacant lots in the city of Austin and tract adjoining, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate with an amendment, and recommend its passage.

Amendment in the fourth line from the bottom, after the word "advertise," insert "as in the first instance"

JESSE GRIMES, Chairman.

Mr. Grimes introduced a bill to be entitled an act, to require all land titles to be recorded in the county where the land lies ; read first time.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend the sixth section of an act, entitled an act, to organize the District Courts, and to define their powers and jurisdiction, approved 11th May, 1846 ; read first time.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day :

Joint resolution for the relief of the citizens of Texas who had their property destroyed and taken off by the Mexican Government, during the revolution ; read third time and passed ;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for marking in part

the boundary line between the land districts of Fannin and Nacogdoches ; read third time and passed ;

Preamble and joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas, requesting the Senators and Representatives of Texas in the Congress of the United States, to urge the passage of a law for the payment of the volunteers called out from this State under the requisition of Col. S. R. Curtis ; read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed ;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to receive gold and silver at the rate of one dollar thereof for five dollars in Texas promissory notes, for all government dues upon land and patents for land ; read third time.

Mr. Williamson moved to re-commit the bill to the committee on Finance ; lost.

Mr. Williamson moved to refer the bill to a select committee ; lost.

Mr. Williamson moved to lay the bill on the table ; lost.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, the bill was referred to the special committee appointed to ascertain the amount and character of the debt of the late Republic of Texas.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, Mr. Jewett was added to said special committee.

A message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, which, on motion of Mr. Burleson, was read, and was as follows :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Austin, January 6, 1848. }

To the Hon.

The President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The Executive has the honor to transmit the enclosed communication to the two houses of the Legislature. As you will perceive it is an invitation tendered to you by the citizens of San Antonio, to attend the funeral obsequies of the brave and lamented Capt. Samuel H. Walker, to be celebrated in that city, on the 8th instant.

GEO. T. WOOD.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the message was referred to the committee on the Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate and establish Guadalupe College; read second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Phillips, referred to the committee on Education.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Union, Marine and Fire Insurance Company; read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Brashear, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act, supplementary to an act, to organize the county of Upshur; read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of those who are indebted to the State on account of public dues, payable in promissory notes of the late Republic; read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Bourland, referred to the special committee appointed to ascertain the amount and character of the debt of the late republic of Texas.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, Mr. Williamson was added to said special Committee.

Joint Resolution for the relief of John S. McNairy; read second time:

And, on motion of Mr. Williams referred to the committee on private land Claims.

Joint Resolution authorizing the treaty making power with Mexico, to release all forfeitures for political offences incurred by persons mentioned in the 8th article of the general provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Texas; read second time:

And, on motion of Mr. Navarro, referred to a select committee of five—

Messrs. Navarro, Phillips, Cuny, Wallace and Williams were appointed said Committee.

A bill to be entitled an act for the incorporation of the city of Laredo; read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to grant a Ferry privilege to Nancy Hutchinson; read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Martin Walker; read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Protection Fire Company No. 1, city of Houston; read first time.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution.

"Resolved, That the House of Representatives be requested to appoint a special Committee to act in conjunction with the like Committee of the Senate, to enquire into the expediency of ascertaining the amount and character of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas, devise ways and means for its early liquidation, &c., with instructions to report by bill or otherwise."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Williamson the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Friday 10 o'clock, A. M. }
January 7th, 1848. }

Senate met; roll called; The following Senators answered to their names.

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Burleson, Clark, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wooten; quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of citizens of Collin county which was referred to the committee on counties and county boundaries.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of the citizens of Bonham praying the passage of a bill to incorporate said town, which on motion of Mr. Williams was referred to a special committee.

Messrs. Williams, Wooten and Bourland were appointed said committee.

Mr Clark Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary made the following reports.